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1. [REDACTED] Called Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, and talked with him about the Director's scheduled testimony before his Subcommittee next Monday. See Memo for Record.

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2. [REDACTED] Called Senator Sam Nunn and advised him that [REDACTED] a constituent who applied for employment with the Agency and in whom Nunn had expressed an interest, was being put in process for a position as an Office of Logistics Procurement Officer.

We discussed the Senator's recent trip to Southeast Asia and he was most complimentary of the Agency people with whom he had contact noting especially [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] The Director made his regular call to Chairman John Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee, and I briefed Clark McFadden, of the Committee staff, on the topics covered.

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4. [REDACTED] Chris Russell, AID, called to say he had spoken to all four of the Senate staffers with whom we met on Friday and all commented very favorably on [REDACTED] briefing. I thanked Russell for calling but told him I hoped these requests didn't increase in number although I noted that several of the staffers said they would like their senators to receive the same briefing. Russell and I agreed it is quite possible the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and/or the Senate Armed Services Committee will want to receive this briefing from the Agency.

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7. [REDACTED] Picked up from Jerry Chouinard, Defense Subcommittee, House Appropriations Committee staff, an annual compilation of House Appropriations Committee actions per his request. I passed this volume to [REDACTED] IC staff, for his use.

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25X1 13. [redacted] Accompanied the Director to a meeting with Chairman John Sparkman, ~~Senate Foreign Relations Committee~~, to discuss ways and means of reporting to the Committee in compliance with Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act as amended. Mr. Pat Holt, Staff Director, joined us at the Chairman's request. See Memo for Record for details.

25X1 14. [redacted] The Director advised he had called Senators Frank Church and John Tower, of the Senate Select Committee, offering to cooperate in any way with their investigation of CIA...

25X1 15. [redacted] Arrangements were made to change the scheduled briefing of Norvill Jones, ~~Senate Foreign Relations Committee~~ staff, on North Vietnam aid from 11:00 a.m., Monday, 27 January to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 29 January. [redacted] NIO/SEA, was advised.

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25X1 16. [redacted] Called A. B. Calvahouse, Legislative Assistant to Senator Howard H. Baker (R., Tenn.), in connection with the request of the Special Prosecutor for the transcripts of [redacted]

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25X1A [redacted] We had no objection. Calvahouse had previously told the Special Prosecutor's office that the transcripts could not be released because of an agreement with the CIA on handling of the transcripts. Later Calvahouse called that he had reviewed the matter with Senator Baker and that the Special Prosecutor had added the requests for the transcript of [redacted] and that Senator Baker would appreciate a note from the Agency authorizing the release of the transcripts to the Special Prosecutor. [redacted] OGC, is writing a letter to the Special Prosecutor on this subject and he will provide a copy for us to use with Senator Baker. Calvahouse said the Senator had asked him to ask me what level of clearances would be required for personal staff members to have access to the information provided to the Select Committee. I demurred that this was a matter for the Committee to decide but I assumed that at a minimum they would adopt something similar to the standards established for access to Top Secret material in the Executive Branch.

25X1 17. [redacted] Stopped by the office of Jack Ticer, Chief Clerk, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, and gave him an updated map of the Middle East for inclusion in the map folio which the Agency earlier provided him.

25X1 18. [redacted] In response to his earlier call, I left with Don Shasteen, on the staff of Senator Carl T. Curtis (R., Nebr.), copies of the report. [redacted] Ambassador Helms and Mr. Colby.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Lawrence Houston re Testimony by
Ambassador Helms before Senate Foreign Relations
Committee on 22 January 1975

Following up on a call which Mr. Houston made to OGC, I called Mr. Houston back concerning the testimony of Ambassador Helms before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Wednesday, 22 January 1975. Mr. Houston informed me that in this executive testimony which has been returned to the Foreign Relations Committee for release, there were some references to Agency support to Chile in the 1964 elections and some discussion of a general nature regarding covert actions. Mr. Houston said Ambassador Helms, [redacted] and he had reviewed this testimony to see if anything needed to be stricken before it was published. Their conclusion was that while the testimony would create some talk they did not feel it would create any real problems. After discussing this with the Director, I called Mr. Pat Holt, Staff Director, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, at home and expressed the Director's concern. Mr. Holt said the testimony would not be released before the end of next week and we agreed the Director and I should take this up with Chairman Sparkman when we meet with him on Monday.

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1. (Unclassified - GLC) [REDACTED] OGC, advised of a call he had received from Monroe Lee of State Department. Lee was actually following up on an inquiry he had received from Phil Areeda, White House Legal Counsel office, regarding Agency action pursuant to Section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act as amended. I advised Lee of the status of our contacts with the various committees on the Hill including the fact that the Presidential finding had been made in accordance with this section of the law. I also attempted to reach Areeda directly but without success.

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2. (Unclassified - GLC) Following up on a call which Lawrence Houston made to OGC, I called Mr. Houston back concerning the testimony of Ambassador Helms before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on 22 January 1975. See Memo for the Record.

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1. [REDACTED] Called Marc Himmelstein, GSA, 25X1A regarding H.R. 6 and S. 172, both of which would change mileage and per diem allowances for Federal employees. I raised with him [REDACTED] Office of Finance, objections to a statutory minimum for mileage expenses. Himmelstein said this was the general view of all the agencies and that OMB and GSA had tried to get the last Congress to accept this view, but weren't successful. He believes the provision in H.R. 6 and S. 172 is the best the agencies can hope for. GSA is preparing a new Executive branch bill, which corrects a technical flaw and which drops the veterans' mileage allowances. The latter provision was the cause of the President's pocket veto. GSA hopes to have their bill to OMB next week, and hopes OMB will call a meeting of agency representatives for the following week, as Congress is expected to move on H.R. 6 and S. 172 within the next two months. I subsequently called [REDACTED] to report on the status of these bills. He said the Agency could certainly live with a statutory minimum for mileage expenses, but didn't prefer it.

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2. [REDACTED] NIO/SEA, and I met with 25X1A four personal Senate staff members and Richard Moose, ~~Senate Foreign Relations~~ Committee staff, for the purpose of briefing them on the situation in Indochina. The personal staffers were: Rudy Rousseau (Senator Pearson), Dan Spiegel (Senator Humphrey), Dick McCall (Senator McGee) and Steve Bryen (Senator Case). The interest of the group centered on Vietnam and more specifically on the issue of Soviet and Chinese aid to North Vietnam in the context of congressional consideration of a supplemental appropriation bill for military and economic aid to South Vietnam. Cambodia was also covered to a lesser degree. The session lasted about an hour and a half and was well received by the staffers several of whom said they would like their Senators to receive the same briefing.

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25X1 3. [REDACTED] Called Bill Jones, INR/State Department, and said that the Director had sent letters to Chairmen John C. Stennis, Senate Armed Services Committee and Chairman John L. McClellan, Senate Appropriations Committee, correcting reference to Department of State membership on the Intelligence Evaluation Committee in the Director's proposed statement on domestic activities.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] Chester Sobsey, Administrative Assistant to Senator Howard Cannon (D., Nev.), called and I reviewed with him the complaint and background about [REDACTED] Sobsey told me that [REDACTED] is a good friend of the Senator's. I told Sobsey we would try to come up with a constructive letter. [REDACTED] OP, has been advised.

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25X1 5. [REDACTED] Chris Russell, Director, Legislative Programs Coordination Staff/AID, called to thank Mr. Cary for setting up the briefing on Vietnam for the Senate legislative assistants and to ascertain what procedures he should follow for additional such briefings. I told him that Mr. Cary is the focal point for our congressional dealings.

In response to my request, Russell identified Denis Neill, OGC/AID, as the expert for our Office of General Counsel to contact on the Southeast Asia country limitations in the Foreign Assistance Act in light of our request on this matter not being fully satisfied during the legislative process.

25X1 6. [REDACTED] Called Richard Kaufman, Economist, Joint Economic Committee, and he asked for a briefing on Soviet military expenditures and armed forces, if possible, on an unclassified basis. I told him I was sure it could be arranged and suggested that he be sure that all interested staff members of the Committee be involved in the interest of avoiding the need for a similar briefing and he agreed that he would make sure all interested staff members would be in attendance.

25X1 7. [REDACTED] In response to his earlier request, arranged for Norvill Jones, ~~Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff~~, a briefing on assistance to North Vietnam for the years 1972 through 1974. [REDACTED] NIO/SEA, and I are scheduled to provide the briefing on Monday, 27 January at 11:00. Jones said he will need a paper.

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2. [] Tom Daschle, Legislative Assistant to Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.), called in connection with a call he had placed to [] on 17 January regarding a request they had received from Time magazine wanting to know if the Senator's office could help them get into the Agency to take some pictures. Daschle said that someone from Time had told him they were having difficulty in getting this done.

After checking with Mr. Thuermer, Assistant to the Director, I called Daschle and told him that Mr. Thuermer had been in touch with the photo editor of Time and told him he thought maybe they could work something out by sending them some new pictures. Daschle thanked me for this information and said he would get in touch with the photo editor.

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3. [] Delivered to Nancy in the office of Senator Bill Brock (R., Tenn.) a suggested reply to a letter from his constituent,

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4. [] Delivered to the four oversight subcommittee offices copies of an unclassified study on the Soviet defense budget.

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5. [] Received a call from Richard Moose's secretary, ~~Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff~~, who said Moose would like to have back the transcript of 26 November 1973 of the Director before the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee of the Committee sometime early tomorrow morning. Arrangements were made for [] to do this.

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[redacted] Monday - 20 January 1975

1. [redacted] Received a call from Pat Clifford who works for Rowland Evans and Robert Novak of the Washington Post who wanted to know what committees the Director has briefed regarding the allegations of CIA involvement in domestic intelligence activities. After checking I told Miss Clifford the Director had briefed the Subcommittee on Intelligence of Senate Appropriations Committee on 15 January and the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee on 16 January. She thanked me for the information.

2. [redacted] Received a call late in the evening from Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee. He was alerting me as to a restructuring of the Subcommittee which was chaired by Representative William S. Moorhead (D., Pa.) in the 93rd Congress and which considered the Freedom of Information Act amendments and the Privacy Act. See Memorandum for the Record.

3. [redacted] Called Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, and inquired as to whether he had a copy of the resolution which the Senate caucus passed to establish a Senate select committee to investigate the intelligence agencies. He said he had a copy, but releasability had not yet been cleared. He gave me a general rundown indicating that the Committee would inquire into the Hersh and other allegations against CIA appearing in the press, and into all intelligence agencies including the counterintelligence program of the FBI. He added it is still not clear if the select committee will undertake the study of establishing a Joint Committee on Intelligence which the Muskie Subcommittee of Senate Government Operations Committee has announced and the hearings they plan to hold are still on.

4. [redacted] Norvill Jones, ~~Senate Foreign Relations~~ Committee staff, called to ask for help in spelling the name of a county he visited on his recent trip to the People's Republic of China with Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.). After checking with [redacted] Congressional Support Officer, OCI, I advised Jones' secretary that the correct spelling was Hui Hsien. I also asked her if she would relay to Jones that our people who briefed him before his departure would appreciate getting his impression from the trip.

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25X1 1. [redacted] Met briefly with Richard Moose, ~~Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff~~, and left with him for his review our working papers on the responses to the Muskie Surveillance Subcommittee questionnaire submitted by Norvill Jones last year. I pointed out that, as he knew, this submission was never formalized and contained some revisions which we would make in the light of recent developments. I said I was making it available to him for his background information only, not for use in Committee meetings and said if anything official or formal was desired it should be requested. Moose said he understood and said he agreed with this understanding. The material will be returned to the Agency by courier this evening.

25X1 2. [redacted] Met with Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel and Staff Director, Senate Armed Services Committee, and delivered a brief primer on the 10,000 counterintelligence files as well as a revision of Appendix I on the "Special Counterintelligence Operation, History and Purpose," and a copy of the OGC/OLC 2 December 1974 revision of the Intelligence Sources and Methods legislation. At the end of the session, Braswell said he now had the necessary understanding of the files, does not believe Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) could incorporate Intelligence Sources and Methods legislation into his amendments of the National Security Act of 1947, and philosophized on the motivation behind the select committee.

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